AIIMS are lying in defective condition for the last few months/years including RFA instrument of Radiotherapy Department resulting in delayed availability of medical facility to the patients;

(b) whether it is a fact that various faculties of AIIMS lack coordination to a greater extent affecting adversely the medical treatment to patients; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, and the necessary steps being taken by Government to ensure smooth functioning of medical equipments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILYWELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) According to AIIMS, there is no medical instrument lying in defective condition in the Institute including RFA instrument of Radiotherapy Department. All medical instruments are in working condition. The Head of Department concerned ensure that various facilities function effectively so that treatment to patients is not affected.

De-recognising of hospitals under CGHS panel

334. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILYWELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have de-recognised a number of hospitals in Delhi and NCR and if so, what are reasons therefor;

(b) whether Govemment propose to review the list and grant recognitions to some more hospitals; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) In response to the tender floated in 2004 by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, applications from private hospitals/diagnostic centres for empanelment under CGHS for extending health services to CGHS beneficiaries were received and processed in the Ministry. The charges for consultations and other facilities have been fixed based on the rates quoted by different private hospitals/diagnostic centres. A revised package rates based on the lowest rates quoted by the applicants have been made effective from 1st November, 2006.

Some of the private hospitals which were empanelled earlier did not accept the rates offered to them and have decided to opt out of the CGHS empanelment. The procedure for empanelment is now a continuous process and any private hospital/diagnostic centre fulfilling the conditions can apply at any time for empanelment.

Upgradation of Indira Gandhi Medical College, Nagpur

†335. SHRI DATTAMEGHE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central and State Government are having any scheme to upgrade Indira Gandhi Medical College at Nagpur;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total amount provided for the same and whether the said amount has been released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) it has been decided to upgrade 13 existing medicsiWnstitutions in various parts of the country. In so far as the State of Maharashtra is concerned, the State Government has identified Grants Medical College and Sir J.J. Group of Hospitals, Mumbai for upgradation. At present there is no proposal to upgrade Indira Gandhi Medical College at Nagpur.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Increase of polio cases

336. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is spurt of polio cases in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the WHO cautioned Governme"-' about the spread of polio to new pockets of the country;

(c) if so, the details of (a) and (b) above;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.